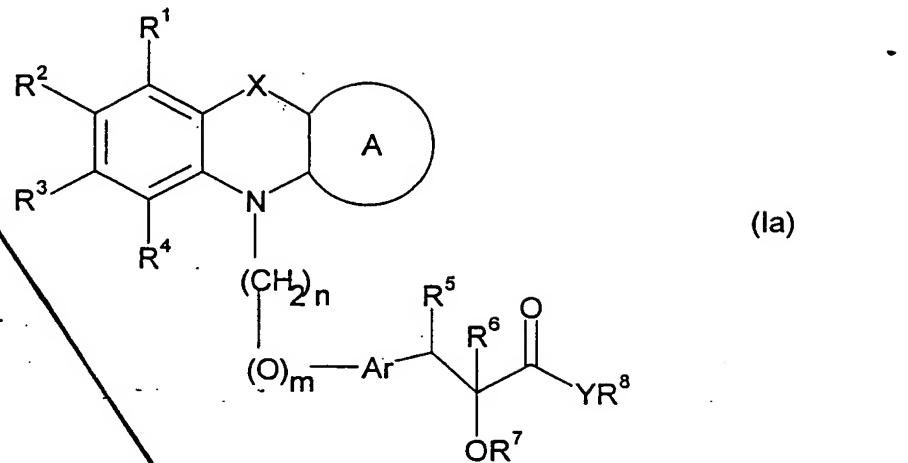


Claims:

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A compound of formula (Ia)



5 wherein R¹, R², R³, and R⁴ independently of each other represent hydrogen, halogen, perhalomethyl, hydroxy, nitro, cyano, formyl, or C₁₋₁₂-alkyl, C₄₋₁₂-alkenynyl, C₂₋₁₂-alkenyl, C₂₋₁₂-alkynyl, C₁₋₁₂-alkoxy, aryl, aryloxy, aralkyl, aralkoxy, heterocyclyl, heteroaryl, heteroaralkyl, heteroaryloxy, heteroaralkoxy, acyl, acyloxy, hydroxyC₁₋₁₂-alkyl, amino, acylamino, C₁₋₁₂-alkylamino, arylamino, aralkylamino, aminoC₁₋₁₂-alkyl, C₁₋₁₂-alkoxycarbonyl, aryloxycarbonyl, aralkoxycarbonyl, C₁₋₁₂-alkoxyC₁₋₁₂-alkyl, aryloxyC₁₋₁₂-alkyl, aralkoxyC₁₋₁₂-alkyl, C₁₋₁₂-alkylthio, thioC₁₋₁₂-alkyl, C₁₋₁₂-alkoxycarbonylamino, aryloxycarbonylamino, aralkoxycarbonylamino, -COR¹¹, or -SO₂R¹², wherein R¹¹ and R¹² independently of each other are selected from hydroxy, halogen, perhalomethyl, C₁₋₆-alkoxy or amino optionally substituted with one or more C₁₋₆-alkyl, perhalomethyl or aryl; optionally substituted with one or more halogen, perhalomethyl, hydroxy, nitro or cyano; or R¹ and R², R² and R³ and/or R³ and R⁴ may form a cyclic ring containing from 5 to 7 carbon atoms optionally substituted with one or more C₁₋₆-alkyl;

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ring A fused to the ring containing X and N represents a 5-6 membered cyclic ring, optionally substituted with one or more halogen, perhalomethyl, hydroxy, nitro, cyano, formyl, or C₁₋₁₂-alkyl, C₄₋₁₂-alkenynyl, C₂₋₁₂-alkenyl, C₂₋₁₂-alkynyl, C₁₋₁₂-alkoxy, aryl, aryloxy, aralkyl, aralkoxy, heterocyclyl, heteroaryl, heteroaralkyl, heteroaryloxy, heteroaralkoxy, acyl, acyloxy, hydroxyC₁₋₁₂-alkyl, amino, acylamino, C₁₋₁₂-alkylamino, arylamino, aralkylamino, aminoC₁₋₁₂-alkyl, C₁₋₁₂-alkoxycarbonyl, aryloxycarbonyl, aralkoxycarbonyl, aryloxyC₁₋₁₂-alkyl, aralkoxyC₁₋₁₂-alkyl, C₁₋₁₂-alkylthio, thioC₁₋₁₂-alkyl, C₁₋₁₂-alkoxycarbonylamino, aryloxycarbonylamino, aralkoxycarbonylamino, -COR¹¹, or -SO₂R¹², wherein R¹¹ and R¹² independently of each other are selected from hydroxy, halogen, perhalomethyl, C₁₋₆-alkoxy or amino optionally substituted with one or more C₁₋₆-alkyl, perhalomethyl or aryl; optionally substituted with one or more halogen, perhalomethyl, hydroxy, nitro or cyano; or R¹ and R², R² and R³ and/or R³ and R⁴ may form a cyclic ring containing from 5 to 7 carbon atoms optionally substituted with one or more C₁₋₆-alkyl;

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aralkoxycarbonyl, C₁₋₁₂-alkoxyC₁₋₁₂-alkyl, aryloxyC₁₋₁₂-alkyl, aralkoxyC₁₋₁₂-alkyl, C₁₋₁₂-alkylthio, thioC₁₋₁₂-alkyl, C₁₋₁₂-alkoxycarbonylamino, aryloxycarbonylamino, aralkoxycarbonylamino, -COR¹¹, or -SO₂R¹², wherein R¹¹ and R¹² independently of each other are selected from hydroxy, halogen, perhalomethyl, C₁₋₆-alkoxy or amino

5 optionally substituted with one or more C₁₋₆-alkyl, perhalomethyl or aryl; optionally substituted with one or more halogen, perhalomethyl, hydroxy, nitro or cyano;

X is a valence bond, -(CHR⁹)-, -(CHR⁹)-CH₂- , -CH=CH-, -O-(CHR⁹)-, -S-(CHR⁹)-, -(NR⁹)-CH₂- , -(CHR⁹)-CH=CH-, -(CHR⁹)-CH₂-CH₂- , -(C=O)-, -O-CH₂-O-, -(NR⁹)-S(O₂)-, -CH=(CR⁹)-, -(CO)-(CHR⁹)-, -CH₂-(SO)-, -(SO)-, -(SO₂)-, -CH₂-(SO₂)-, -

10 CH₂-O-CH₂- , wherein R⁹ is hydrogen, halogen, hydroxy, nitro, cyano, formyl, C₁₋₁₂-alkyl, C₁₋₁₂-alkoxy, aryl, aryloxy, aralkyl, aralkoxy, heterocycl, heteroaryl, heteroaralkyl, heteroaryloxy, heteroaralkoxy, acyl, acyloxy, hydroxyalkyl, amino, acylamino, C₁₋₁₂-alkylamino, arylamino, aralkylamino, aminoC₁₋₁₂-alkyl, C₁₋₁₂-alkoxycarbonyl, aryloxycarbonyl, aralkoxycarbonyl, C₁₋₁₂-alkoxyC₁₋₁₂-alkyl, aryloxyC₁₋₁₂-alkyl, aralkoxyC₁₋₁₂-alkyl, C₁₋₁₂-alkylthio, thioC₁₋₁₂-alkyl, C₁₋₁₂-alkoxycarbonylamino, aryloxycarbonylamino, aralkoxycarbonylamino, -COR¹³, or -SO₂R¹⁴, wherein R¹³ and R¹⁴ independently of each other are selected from hydroxy, halogen, C₁₋₆-alkoxy, amino optionally substituted with one or more C₁₋₆-alkyl, perhalomethyl or aryl;

15 20 Ar represents arylene, heteroarylene, or a divalent heterocyclic group optionally substituted with one or more C₁₋₆-alkyl or aryl;

R⁵ represents hydrogen, hydroxy, halogen, C₁₋₁₂-alkoxy, C₁₋₁₂-alkyl, C₄₋₁₂-alkenynyl, C₂₋₁₂-alkenyl, C₂₋₁₂-alkynyl or aralkyl; optionally substituted with one or more halogen, perhalomethyl, hydroxy, nitro or cyano; or R⁵ forms a bond together with R⁶,

25 R⁶ represents hydrogen, hydroxy, halogen, C₁₋₁₂-alkoxy, C₁₋₁₂-alkyl, C₄₋₁₂-alkenynyl, C₂₋₁₂-alkenyl, C₂₋₁₂-alkynyl, acyl or aralkyl; optionally substituted with one or more halogen, perhalomethyl, hydroxy, nitro or cyano; or R⁶ forms a bond together with R⁵,

R⁷ represents hydrogen, C₁₋₁₂-alkyl, C₄₋₁₂-alkenynyl, C₂₋₁₂-alkenyl, C₂₋₁₂-alkynyl, aryl, aralkyl, C₁₋₁₂-alkoxyC₁₋₁₂-alkyl, C₁₋₁₂-alkoxycarbonyl, aryloxycarbonyl, C₁₋₁₂-alkylaminocarbonyl, ary-

30 laminocarbonyl, acyl, heterocycl, heteroaryl or heteroaralkyl groups; optionally substituted with one or more halogen, perhalomethyl, hydroxy, nitro or cyano;

R⁸ represents hydrogen, C₁₋₁₂-alkyl, C₄₋₁₂-alkenynyl, C₂₋₁₂-alkenyl, C₂₋₁₂-alkynyl, aryl, aralkyl, heterocycl, heteroaryl or heteroaralkyl groups; optionally substituted with one or more halogen, perhalomethyl, hydroxy, nitro or cyano;

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Y represents oxygen, sulphur or NR¹⁰, where R¹⁰ represents hydrogen, C₁₋₁₂-alkyl, aryl, hydroxyC₁₋₁₂-alkyl or aralkyl groups or when Y is NR¹⁰, R⁸ and R¹⁰ may form a 5 or 6 membered nitrogen containing ring, optionally substituted with one or more C₁₋₆-alkyl; n is an integer ranging from 1 to 4 and m is an integer ranging from 0 to 1;

5 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

2. A compound according to claim 1 wherein R¹, R², R³, and R⁴ independently of each other represent hydrogen, halogen, perhalomethyl, hydroxy, cyano, or C₁₋₇-alkyl, C₄₋₇-alkenynyl, C₂₋₇-alkenyl, C₂₋₇-alkynyl, C₁₋₇-alkoxy, aryl, aryloxy, aralkyl,

10 aralkoxy, heterocyclyl, heteroaryl, heteroaralkyl, heteroaryloxy, heteroaralkoxy, acyl, acyloxy, hydroxyC₁₋₇-alkyl, amino, acylamino, C₁₋₇-alkylamino, arylamino, aralkylamino, aminoC₁₋₇-alkyl, C₁₋₇-alkoxyC₁₋₇-alkyl, aryloxyC₁₋₇-alkyl, aralkoxyC₁₋₇-alkyl, C₁₋₇-alkylthio, thioC₁₋₇-alkyl, C₁₋₇-alkoxycarbonylamino, aryloxycarbonylamino, aralkoxycarbonylamino, -COR¹¹, or -SO₂R¹², wherein R¹¹ and R¹² independently of each other are selected from hydroxy, perhalomethyl or amino optionally substituted with one or more C₁₋₆-alkyl, perhalomethyl or aryl; optionally substituted with one or more halogen, perhalomethyl, hydroxy or cyano; or R¹ and R², R² and R³ and/or R³ and R⁴ may form a cyclic ring containing from 5 to 7 carbon atoms optionally substituted with one or more C₁₋₆-alkyl.

20 3. A compound according to anyone of the preceding claims wherein R¹, R², R³, and R⁴ independently of each other represent hydrogen, halogen, perhalomethyl, hydroxy, cyano, or C₁₋₇-alkyl, C₄₋₇-alkenynyl, C₂₋₇-alkenyl, C₂₋₇-alkynyl, C₁₋₇-alkoxy, aryl, aryloxy, aralkyl, aralkoxy, heterocyclyl, heteroaryl, heteroaralkyl, heteroaryloxy, heteroaralkoxy, acyl, amino, acylamino, C₁₋₇-alkylamino, arylamino, aralkylamino, aminoC₁₋₇-alkyl, C₁₋₇-alkoxyC₁₋₇-alkyl, aryloxyC₁₋₇-alkyl, aralkoxyC₁₋₇-alkyl, C₁₋₇-alkylthio, thioC₁₋₇-alkyl; optionally substituted with one or more halogen or hydroxy.

25 4. A compound according to anyone of the preceding claims wherein R¹, R², R³, and R⁴ independently of each other represent hydrogen, halogen, perhalomethyl, hydroxy or C₁₋₇-alkyl, C₂₋₇-alkenyl, C₂₋₇-alkynyl, C₁₋₇-alkoxy, aryl, aryloxy, aralkyl, aralkoxy, heteroaryl, heteroaryloxy, heteroaralkoxy, acyl, arylamino, aryloxyC₁₋₇-alkyl.

5. A compound according to anyone of the preceding claims wherein R¹, R², R³, and R⁴ independently of each other represent hydrogen, halogen, perhalomethyl, hydroxy, C₁₋₇-alkyl, C₂₋₇-alkenyl, C₂₋₇-alkynyl, C₁₋₇-alkoxy or aryl. *a*

5 6. A compound according to anyone of the preceding claims wherein R¹, R², R³ and R⁴ independently of each other represent hydrogen, halogen or phenyl.

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10 7. A compound according to anyone of the preceding claims wherein ring A fused to the ring containing X and N represents a 5-6 membered cyclic ring, optionally substituted with one or more hydrogen, halogen, perhalomethyl, hydroxy, cyano, or C₁₋₇-alkyl, C₄₋₇-alkenynyl, C₂₋₇-alkenyl, C₂₋₇-alkynyl, C₁₋₇-alkoxy, aryl, aryloxy, aralkyl, aralkoxy, heterocyclyl, heteroaryl, heteroaralkyl, heteroaryloxy, heteroaralkoxy, acyl, acyloxy, hydroxyC₁₋₇-alkyl, amino, acylamino, C₁₋₇-alkylamino, arylamino, aralkylamino, aminoC₁₋₇-alkyl, C₁₋₇-alkoxyC₁₋₇-alkyl, aryloxyC₁₋₇-alkyl, aralkoxyC₁₋₇-alkyl, C₁₋₇-alkylthio, thioC₁₋₇-alkyl, C₁₋₇-alkoxycarbonylamino, aryloxycarbonylamino, aralkoxycarbonylamino, -COR¹¹, or -SO₂R¹², wherein R¹¹ and R¹² independently of each other are selected from hydroxy, perhalomethyl or amino optionally substituted with one or more C₁₋₆-alkyl, perhalomethyl or aryl; optionally substituted with one or more halogen, perhalomethyl, hydroxy or cyano.

15 20 8. A compound according to anyone of the preceding claims wherein ring A fused to the ring containing X and N represents a 5-6 membered cyclic ring, optionally substituted with one or more hydrogen, halogen, perhalomethyl, hydroxy, cyano, or C₁₋₇-alkyl, C₄₋₇-alkenynyl, C₂₋₇-alkenyl, C₂₋₇-alkynyl, C₁₋₇-alkoxy, aryl, aryloxy, aralkyl, aralkoxy, heterocyclyl, heteroaryl, heteroaralkyl, heteroaryloxy, heteroaralkoxy, acyl, amino, acylamino, C₁₋₇-alkylamino, arylamino, 25 aralkylamino, aminoC₁₋₇-alkyl, C₁₋₇-alkoxyC₁₋₇-alkyl, aryloxyC₁₋₇-alkyl, aralkoxyC₁₋₇-alkyl, C₁₋₇-alkylthio, thioC₁₋₇-alkyl; optionally substituted with one or more halogen or hydroxy.

30 9. A compound according to anyone of the preceding claims wherein ring A fused to the ring containing X and N represents a 5-6 membered cyclic ring, optionally substituted with one or more hydrogen, halogen, perhalomethyl, hydroxy or C₁₋₇-alkyl, C₂₋₇-alkenyl, C₂₋₇-alkynyl, C₁₋₇-alkoxy, aryl, aryloxy, aralkyl, aralkoxy, heteroaryl, heteroaryloxy, heteroaralkoxy, acyl, amino, aryloxyC₁₋₇-alkyl.

10. A compound according to anyone of the preceding claims wherein ring A fused to the ring containing X and N represents a 5-6 membered cyclic ring, optionally substituted with one or more hydrogen, halogen, perhalomethyl, hydroxy or C₁₋₇-alkyl, C₂₋₇-alkenyl, C₂₋₇-alkynyl, C₁₋₇-alkoxy or aryl.

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11. A compound according to anyone of the preceding claims wherein ring A fused to the ring containing X and N represents a 5-6 membered cyclic ring, optionally substituted with one or more hydrogen, halogen or phenyl.

10 12. A compound according to anyone of the preceding claims wherein X is a valence bond, - (CHR⁹)-, -(CHR⁹)-CH₂- , -CH=CH-, -O-(CHR⁹)-, -S-(CHR⁹)-, -(NR⁹)-CH₂- , -(CHR⁹)-CH=CH-, -

(CHR⁹)-CH₂-CH₂- , -(C=O)-, -O-CH₂-O-, -(NR⁹)-S(O₂)-, -CH=(CR⁹)-, -(CO)-(CHR⁹)-, -CH₂- (SO)-, -(SO)-, -(SO₂)-, -CH₂-(SO₂)-, -CH₂-O-CH₂- , wherein R⁹ is hydrogen, halogen, hydroxy, cyano, C₁₋₇-alkyl, C₁₋₇-alkoxy, aryl, aryloxy, aralkyl, aralkoxy, heterocyclyl, heteroaryl, heteroaralkyl, heteroaryloxy, heteroaralkoxy, acyl, acyloxy, hydroxyalkyl, amino, acylamino, C₁₋₇-alkylamino, arylamino, aralkylamino, aminoC₁₋₇-alkyl, C₁₋₇-alkoxyC₁₋₇-alkyl, aryloxyC₁₋₇-alkyl, aralkoxyC₁₋₇-alkyl, C₁₋₇-alkylthio or thioC₁₋₇-alkyl.

13. A compound according to anyone of the preceding claims wherein X is a valence bond, - (CHR⁹)-, -(CHR⁹)-CH₂- , -CH=CH-, -O-(CHR⁹)-, -S-(CHR⁹)-, -(NR⁹)-CH₂- , -(CHR⁹)-CH=CH-, - (CHR⁹)-CH₂-CH₂- , -(C=O)-, -O-CH₂-O-, -(NR⁹)-S(O₂)-, -CH=(CR⁹)-, -(CO)-(CHR⁹)-, -CH₂- (SO)-, -(SO)-, -(SO₂)-, -CH₂-(SO₂)-, -CH₂-O-CH₂- , wherein R⁹ is hydrogen, halogen, hydroxy, C₁₋₇-alkyl, C₁₋₇-alkoxy or aryl.

25 14. A compound according to anyone of the preceding claims wherein X is a valence bond, -(CHR⁹)-, -(CHR⁹)-CH₂- , -CH=CH-, -O-(CHR⁹)-, -S-(CHR⁹)-, -(NR⁹)-CH₂- , -(CHR⁹)-CH=CH-, -(CHR⁹)-CH₂-CH₂- , -(C=O)-, -O-CH₂-O-, -(NR⁹)-S(O₂)-, -CH=(CR⁹)-, -(CO)-(CHR⁹)-, -CH₂-(SO)-, -(SO)-, -(SO₂)-, -CH₂-(SO₂)-, -CH₂-O-CH₂- , wherein R⁹ is hydrogen, halogen, hydroxy, C₁₋₄-alkyl or C₁₋₄-alkoxy.

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15. A compound according to anyone of the preceding claims wherein X is a valence bond, - (CHR⁹)-, -(CHR⁹)-CH₂- , -CH=CH-, -O-(CHR⁹)-, -(CHR⁹)-CH=CH-, -(CHR⁹)-CH₂-CH₂- , -(C=O)-, -O-CH₂-O-, -CH=(CR⁹)-, -(CO)-(CHR⁹)-, -CH₂-(SO)-, -(SO)-, -(SO₂)-, -CH₂-(SO₂)-, -CH₂-O-CH₂- , wherein R⁹ is hydrogen.

16. A compound according to anyone of the preceding claims wherein Ar represents arylene, heteroarylene, or a divalent heterocyclic group optionally substituted with one or more C₁₋₆-alkyl or aryl;

5 R⁵ represents hydrogen, hydroxy, halogen, C₁₋₇-alkoxy, C₁₋₇-alkyl, C₄₋₇-alkenynyl, C₂₋₇-alkenyl, C₂₋₇-alkynyl; or R⁵ forms a bond together with R⁶,

R⁶ represents hydrogen, hydroxy, halogen, C₁₋₇-alkoxy, C₁₋₇-alkyl, C₄₋₇-alkenynyl, C₂₋₇-alkenyl, C₂₋₇-alkynyl; or R⁶ forms a bond together with R⁵,

R⁷ represents hydrogen, C₁₋₇-alkyl, C₂₋₇-alkenynyl, C₂₋₇-alkenyl, C₂₋₇-alkynyl, aryl, aralkyl, C₁₋₇-alkoxyC₁₋₇-alkyl, C₁₋₇-alkoxycarbonyl, aryloxycarbonyl, C₁₋₇-alkylaminocarbonyl, arylaminocarbonyl, acyl, heterocyclyl, heteroaryl or heteroaralkyl groups;

R⁸ represents hydrogen, C₁₋₇-alkyl, C₄₋₇-alkenynyl, C₂₋₇-alkenyl, C₂₋₇-alkynyl, aryl, aralkyl, heterocyclyl, heteroaryl or heteroaralkyl.

Y represents oxygen, sulphur or NR¹⁰, where R¹⁰ represents hydrogen, C₁₋₇-alkyl, hydroxyC₁₋₇-alkyl;

n is an integer ranging from 2 to 3 and m is an integer ranging from 0 to 1.

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17. A compound according to anyone of the preceding claims wherein Ar represents arylene or heteroarylene;

R⁵ represents hydrogen, hydroxy, halogen; or R⁵ forms a bond together with R⁶,

R⁶ represents hydrogen, hydroxy, halogen; or R⁶ forms a bond together with R⁵,

R⁷ represents hydrogen, C₁₋₇-alkyl, C₂₋₇-alkenyl, C₂₋₇-alkynyl, aryl, aralkyl, C₁₋₇-alkoxyC₁₋₇-alkyl, C₁₋₇-alkylaminocarbonyl, arylaminocarbonyl, acyl, heterocyclyl, heteroaryl or heteroaralkyl groups;

R⁸ represents hydrogen, C₁₋₇-alkyl, C₂₋₇-alkenyl, C₂₋₇-alkynyl;

Y represents oxygen or sulphur;

n is an integer ranging from 2 to 3 and m is 1.

18. A compound according to anyone of the preceding claims wherein Ar represents arylene or heteroarylene;

R⁵ represents hydrogen;

R⁶ represents hydrogen;

R⁷ represents hydrogen, C₁₋₇-alkyl, C₂₋₇-alkenyl, C₂₋₇-alkynyl, aryl, aralkyl, C₁₋₇-alkoxyC₁₋₇-alkyl;

R^8 represents hydrogen, C_{1-7} -alkyl, C_{2-7} -alkenyl, C_{2-7} -alkynyl;

Y represents oxygen;

n is an integer ranging from 2 to 3 and m is 1.

5 19. A compound according to anyone of the preceding claims wherein Ar represents arylene

R^5 represents hydrogen;

R^6 represents hydrogen;

R^7 represents hydrogen, C_{1-4} -alkyl, C_{2-4} -alkenyl, C_{2-4} -alkynyl,

R^8 represents hydrogen, C_{1-4} -alkyl,

10 Y represents oxygen;

n is an integer ranging from 2 to 3 and m is 1.

20. A compound according to anyone of the preceding claims wherein Ar represents phenylene,

15 R^5 represents hydrogen;

R^6 represents hydrogen;

R^7 represents hydrogen, C_{1-4} -alkyl,

R^8 represents hydrogen

Y represents oxygen;

20 n is an integer ranging from 2 to 3 and m is 1.

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21. A compound according to anyone of the preceding claims wherein A is benzo optionally substituted with one or more halogen or phenyl.

25 22. A compound according to anyone of the preceding claims wherein A is pyrido.

23. A compound according to anyone of the preceding claims wherein Ar is arylene.

24. A compound according to anyone of the preceding claims wherein X is $-(CHR^9)-CH_2-$,

30 wherein R^9 is H.

25. A compound according to anyone of the preceding claims wherein X is $-CH=CH-$.

26. A compound according to anyone of the preceding claims wherein X is $-(SO)-$.

27. A compound according to anyone of the preceding claims wherein X is $-\text{O}-\text{CH}_2-\text{O}-$.

28. A compound according to anyone of the preceding claims wherein X is a valence bond.

5 29. A compound according to anyone of the preceding claims X is $-\text{O}-\text{CH}_2-$.

10 30. A compound according to anyone of the preceding claims wherein X is $-(\text{CHR}^9)-\text{CH}_2-$
 CH_2 , wherein R^9 is H.

15 31. A compound according to anyone of the preceding claims wherein X is $-(\text{CO})-(\text{CHR}^9)-$,
wherein R^9 is H.

20 32. A compound according to anyone of the preceding claims wherein X is $-\text{CH}=(\text{CR}^9)-$,
wherein R^9 is C_{1-12} -alkoxy, preferably methoxy.

25 33. A compound according to anyone of the preceding claims wherein X is $-(\text{NR}^9)-\text{S}(\text{O}_2)-$,
wherein R^9 is C_{1-12} -alkyl, preferably methyl.

30 34. A compound according to anyone of the preceding claims wherein X is $-(\text{C}=\text{O})-$.

35. A compound according to anyone of the preceding claims wherein R^1 , R^2 , R^3 and R^4 are H.

25 36. A compound according to anyone of the preceding claims wherein n is 2.

37. A compound according to anyone of the preceding claims wherein n is 3.

38. A compound according to anyone of the preceding claims wherein m is 1.

30 39. A compound according to anyone of the preceding claims wherein R^5 is H.

40. A compound according to anyone of the preceding claims wherein R^6 is H.

41. A compound according to anyone of the preceding claims wherein R⁷ is ethyl.

42. A compound according to anyone of the preceding claims wherein R⁸ is H.

5 43. A compound according to anyone of the preceding claims wherein R⁸ is ethyl.

44. A compound according to anyone of the preceding claims wherein Y is oxygen.

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3-[4-[2-(10,11-Dihydro-dibenzo[b,f]azepin-5-yl)-ethoxy]-phenyl]-2-ethoxy-propionic acid,

3-[4-[2-(10,11-Dihydro-dibenzo[b,f]azepin-5-yl)-ethoxy]-phenyl]-2-methoxy-propionic acid,

3-[4-[2-(10,11-Dihydro-dibenzo[b,f]azepin-5-yl)-ethoxy]-phenyl]-2-propoxy-propionic acid,

3-[4-[2-(10,11-Dihydro-dibenzo[b,f]azepin-5-yl)-ethoxy]-phenyl]-2-benzyloxy-propionic acid,

3-[4-[2-(10,11-Dihydro-dibenzo[b,f]azepin-5-yl)-propoxy]-phenyl]-2-ethoxy-propionic acid,

15 3-[4-[2-(10,11-Dihydro-dibenzo[b,f]azepin-5-yl)-propoxy]-phenyl]-2-methoxy-propionic acid,

3-[4-[2-(10,11-Dihydro-dibenzo[b,f]azepin-5-yl)-propyl]-phenyl]-2-ethoxy-propionic acid,

3-[4-[2-(10,11-Dihydro-dibenzo[b,f]azepin-5-yl)-propyl]-phenyl]-2-methoxy-propionic acid,

3-[4-[2-(10,11-Dihydro-dibenzo[b,f]azepin-5-yl)-methoxy]-phenyl]-2-ethoxy-propionic acid,

20 2-Ethoxy-3-(4-[2-(5,11-dihydro-5H-dibenzo[b,e][1,4]oxazepin-5-yl)-ethoxy]-phenyl)-propionic acid,

2-Methoxy-3-(4-[2-(5,11-dihydro-5H-dibenzo[b,e][1,4]oxazepin-5-yl)-ethoxy]-phenyl)-propionic acid,

2-Propoxy-3-(4-[2-(5,11-dihydro-5H-dibenzo[b,e][1,4]oxazepin-5-yl)-ethoxy]-phenyl)-propionic acid,

25 2-Benzylxy-3-(4-[2-(5,11-dihydro-5H-dibenzo[b,e][1,4]oxazepin-5-yl)-ethoxy]-phenyl)-propionic acid,

2-Ethoxy-3-(4-[3-(5,11-dihydro-5H-dibenzo[b,e][1,4]oxazepin-5-yl)-propoxy]-phenyl)-propionic acid,

30 2-Methoxy-3-(4-[3-(5,11-dihydro-5H-dibenzo[b,e][1,4]oxazepin-5-yl)-propoxy]-phenyl)-propionic acid,

2-Benzylxy-3-(4-[3-(5,11-dihydro-5H-dibenzo[b,e][1,4]oxazepin-5-yl)-propoxy]-phenyl)-propionic acid,

2-Ethoxy-3-(4-[3-(5,11-dihydro-5H-dibenzo[b,e][1,4]oxazepin-5-yl)-propyl]-phenyl)-propionic acid,

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2-Methoxy-3-(4-[3-(5,11-dihydro-5H-dibenzo[b,e][1,4]oxazepin-5-yl)-propyl]-phenyl)-propionic acid,

2-Benzylxy-3-(4-[3-(5,11-dihydro-5H-dibenzo[b,e][1,4]oxazepin-5-yl)-propyl]-phenyl)-propionic acid,

5 2-Ethoxy-3-(4-[1-(5,11-dihydro-5H-dibenzo[b,e][1,4]oxazepin-5-yl)-methoxy]-phenyl)-propionic acid,

3-[4-[2-(6,7-Dihydro-5H-dibenzo[b,g]azocin-12-yl)-ethoxy]-phenyl]-2-ethoxy-propionic acid,

3-[4-[2-(6,7-Dihydro-5H-dibenzo[b,g]azocin-12-yl)-ethoxy]-phenyl]-2-propoxy-propionic acid,

3-[4-[2-(6,7-Dihydro-5H-dibenzo[b,g]azocin-12-yl)-ethoxy]-phenyl]-2-methoxy-propionic acid,

10 3-[4-[2-(6,7-Dihydro-5H-dibenzo[b,g]azocin-12-yl)-ethoxy]-phenyl]-2-benzylxy-propionic acid,

3-[4-[1-(6,7-Dihydro-5H-dibenzo[b,g]azocin-12-yl)-methoxy]-phenyl]-2-ethoxy-propionic acid,

3-[4-[3-(6,7-Dihydro-5H-dibenzo[b,g]azocin-12-yl)-propoxy]-phenyl]-2-ethoxy-propionic acid,

3-[4-[3-(6,7-Dihydro-5H-dibenzo[b,g]azocin-12-yl)-propoxy]-phenyl]-2-methoxy-propionic acid,

15 3-[4-[3-(6,7-Dihydro-5H-dibenzo[b,g]azocin-12-yl)-propoxy]-phenyl]-2-benzylxy-propionic acid,

3-[4-[3-(6,7-Dihydro-5H-dibenzo[b,g]azocin-12-yl)-propoxy]-phenyl]-2-ethoxy-propionic acid,

3-[4-[3-(6,7-Dihydro-5H-dibenzo[b,g]azocin-12-yl)-propoxy]-phenyl]-2-methoxy-propionic acid,

20 3-[4-[3-(6,7-Dihydro-5H-dibenzo[b,g]azocin-12-yl)-propoxy]-phenyl]-2-benzylxy-propionic acid,

2-Ethoxy-3-[4-[2-(10-oxo-10,11-dihydro-dibenzo[b,f]azepin-5-yl)-ethoxy]-phenyl]-propionic acid,

2-Methoxy-3-[4-[2-(10-oxo-10,11-dihydro-dibenzo[b,f]azepin-5-yl)-ethoxy]-phenyl]-propionic acid,

25 2-Propoxy-3-[4-[2-(10-oxo-10,11-dihydro-dibenzo[b,f]azepin-5-yl)-ethoxy]-phenyl]-propionic acid,

2-Benzylxy-3-[4-[2-(10-oxo-10,11-dihydro-dibenzo[b,f]azepin-5-yl)-ethoxy]-phenyl]-propionic acid,

30 2-Ethoxy-3-[4-[1-(10-oxo-10,11-dihydro-dibenzo[b,f]azepin-5-yl)-methoxy]-phenyl]-propionic acid,

2-Ethoxy-3-[4-[3-(10-oxo-10,11-dihydro-dibenzo[b,f]azepin-5-yl)-propoxy]-phenyl]-propionic acid,

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2-Methoxy-3-{4-[3-(10-oxo-10,11-dihydro-dibenzo[b,f]azepin-5-yl)-propoxy]-phenyl}-propionic acid,

2-Propoxy-3-{4-[3-(10-oxo-10,11-dihydro-dibenzo[b,f]azepin-5-yl)-propoxy]-phenyl}-propionic acid,

5 2-Benzyl oxy-3-{4-[3-(10-oxo-10,11-dihydro-dibenzo[b,f]azepin-5-yl)-propoxy]-phenyl}-propionic acid,

2-Ethoxy-3-{4-[3-(10-oxo-10,11-dihydro-dibenzo[b,f]azepin-5-yl)-propyl]-phenyl}-propionic acid,

10 2-Methoxy-3-{4-[3-(10-oxo-10,11-dihydro-dibenzo[b,f]azepin-5-yl)-propyl]-phenyl}-propionic acid,

2-Propoxy-3-{4-[3-(10-oxo-10,11-dihydro-dibenzo[b,f]azepin-5-yl)-propyl]-phenyl}-propionic acid,

15 2-Benzyl oxy-3-{4-[3-(10-oxo-10,11-dihydro-dibenzo[b,f]azepin-5-yl)-propyl]-phenyl}-propionic acid,

2-Ethoxy-3-{4-[2-(10-methoxy-dibenzo[b,f]azepin-5-yl)-ethoxy]-phenyl}-propionic acid,

2-Methoxy-3-{4-[2-(10-methoxy-dibenzo[b,f]azepin-5-yl)-ethoxy]-phenyl}-propionic acid,

20 2-Propoxy-3-{4-[2-(10-methoxy-dibenzo[b,f]azepin-5-yl)-ethoxy]-phenyl}-propionic acid,

2-Ethoxy-3-{4-[1-(10-methoxy-dibenzo[b,f]azepin-5-yl)-methoxy]-phenyl}-propionic acid,

2-Benzyl oxy-3-{4-[2-(10-methoxy-dibenzo[b,f]azepin-5-yl)-ethoxy]-phenyl}-propionic acid,

25 2-Ethoxy-3-{4-[3-(10-methoxy-dibenzo[b,f]azepin-5-yl)-propoxy]-phenyl}-propionic acid,

2-Methoxy-3-{4-[3-(10-methoxy-dibenzo[b,f]azepin-5-yl)-propoxy]-phenyl}-propionic acid,

2-Benzyl oxy-3-{4-[3-(10-methoxy-dibenzo[b,f]azepin-5-yl)-propoxy]-phenyl}-propionic acid,

2-Ethoxy-3-{4-[3-(10-methoxy-dibenzo[b,f]azepin-5-yl)-propyl]-phenyl}-propionic acid,

30 2-Methoxy-3-{4-[3-(10-methoxy-dibenzo[b,f]azepin-5-yl)-propyl]-phenyl}-propionic acid,

2-Benzyl oxy-3-{4-[3-(10-methoxy-dibenzo[b,f]azepin-5-yl)-propyl]-phenyl}-propionic acid,

2-Ethoxy-3-{4-[2-(11-methyl-10,10-dioxo-10,11-dihydro-10⁶-thia-5,11-diaza-dibenzo[a,d]cyclohepten-5-yl)-ethoxy]-phenyl}-propionic acid,

2-Methoxy-3-{4-[2-(11-methyl-10,10-dioxo-10,11-dihydro-10⁶-thia-5,11-diaza-dibenzo[a,d]cyclohepten-5-yl)-ethoxy]-phenyl}-propionic acid,

2-Propoxy-3-{4-[2-(11-methyl-10,10-dioxo-10,11-dihydro-10⁶-thia-5,11-diaza-dibenzo[a,d]cyclohepten-5-yl)-ethoxy]-phenyl}-propionic acid,

2-Benzyl oxy-3-{4-[2-(11-methyl-10,10-dioxo-10,11-dihydro-10⁶-thia-5,11-diaza-dibenzo[a,d]cyclohepten-5-yl)-ethoxy]-phenyl}-propionic acid

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2-Ethoxy-3-{4-[1-(11-methyl-10,10-dioxo-10,11-dihydro-10⁶-thia-5,11-diaza-
dibenzo[a,d]cyclohepten-5-yl)-methoxy]-phenyl}-propionic acid,
2-Ethoxy-3-{4-[3-(11-methyl-10,10-dioxo-10,11-dihydro-10⁶-thia-5,11-diaza-
dibenzo[a,d]cyclohepten-5-yl)-propoxy]-phenyl}-propionic acid,
5 2-Propoxy-3-{4-[3-(11-methyl-10,10-dioxo-10,11-dihydro-10⁶-thia-5,11-diaza-
dibenzo[a,d]cyclohepten-5-yl)-propoxy]-phenyl}-propionic acid,
2-Methoxy-3-{4-[3-(11-methyl-10,10-dioxo-10,11-dihydro-10⁶-thia-5,11-diaza-
dibenzo[a,d]cyclohepten-5-yl)-propoxy]-phenyl}-propionic acid,
2-Ethoxy-3-{4-[3-(11-methyl-10,10-dioxo-10,11-dihydro-10⁶-thia-5,11-diaza-
10 dibenzo[a,d]cyclohepten-5-yl)-propyl]-phenyl}-propionic acid,
2-Propoxy-3-{4-[3-(11-methyl-10,10-dioxo-10,11-dihydro-10⁶-thia-5,11-diaza-
dibenzo[a,d]cyclohepten-5-yl)-propyl]-phenyl}-propionic acid,
2-Methoxy-3-{4-[3-(11-methyl-10,10-dioxo-10,11-dihydro-10⁶-thia-5,11-diaza-
dibenzo[a,d]cyclohepten-5-yl)-propyl]-phenyl}-propionic acid,
15 2-Ethoxy-3-{4-[2-(9-oxo-9H-acridin-10-yl)-ethoxy]-phenyl}-propionic acid,
2-Methoxy-3-{4-[2-(9-oxo-9H-acridin-10-yl)-ethoxy]-phenyl}-propionic acid,
2-Propoxy-3-{4-[2-(9-oxo-9H-acridin-10-yl)-ethoxy]-phenyl}-propionic acid,
2-Benzylxy-3-{4-[2-(9-oxo-9H-acridin-10-yl)-ethoxy]-phenyl}-propionic acid,
2-Ethoxy-3-{4-[1-(9-oxo-9H-acridin-10-yl)-methoxy]-phenyl}-propionic acid,
20 2-Ethoxy-3-{4-[3-(9-oxo-9H-acridin-10-yl)-propoxy]-phenyl}-propionic acid,
2-Propoxy-3-{4-[3-(9-oxo-9H-acridin-10-yl)-propoxy]-phenyl}-propionic acid,
2-Methoxy-3-{4-[3-(9-oxo-9H-acridin-10-yl)-propoxy]-phenyl}-propionic acid,
2-Benzylxy-3-{4-[3-(9-oxo-9H-acridin-10-yl)-propoxy]-phenyl}-propionic acid,
2-Ethoxy-3-{4-[3-(9-oxo-9H-acridin-10-yl)-propyl]-phenyl}-propionic acid,
25 2-Propoxy-3-{4-[3-(9-oxo-9H-acridin-10-yl)-propyl]-phenyl}-propionic acid,
2-Methoxy-3-{4-[3-(9-oxo-9H-acridin-10-yl)-propyl]-phenyl}-propionic acid,
2-Benzylxy-3-{4-[3-(9-oxo-9H-acridin-10-yl)-propyl]-phenyl}-propionic acid,
2-Ethoxy-3-{4-[2-(5-oxo-5H-5⁴-phenothiazin-10-yl)-ethoxy]-phenyl}-propionic acid,
30 2-Methoxy-3-{4-[2-(5-oxo-5H-5⁴-phenothiazin-10-yl)-ethoxy]-phenyl}-propionic acid,
2-Propoxy-3-{4-[2-(5-oxo-5H-5⁴-phenothiazin-10-yl)-ethoxy]-phenyl}-propionic acid,
2-Benzylxy-3-{4-[2-(5-oxo-5H-5⁴-phenothiazin-10-yl)-ethoxy]-phenyl}-propionic acid,
2-Ethoxy-3-{4-[3-(5-oxo-5H-5⁴-phenothiazin-10-yl)-propoxy]-phenyl}-propionic acid,
2-Propoxy-3-{4-[3-(5-oxo-5H-5⁴-phenothiazin-10-yl)-propoxy]-phenyl}-propionic acid

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2-Methoxy-3-{4-[3-(5-oxo-5H-5⁴-phenothiazin-10-yl)-propoxy]-phenyl}-propionic acid,
2-Benzyl-3-{4-[3-(5-oxo-5H-5⁴-phenothiazin-10-yl)-propoxy]-phenyl}-propionic acid,
2-Ethoxy-3-{4-[3-(5-oxo-5H-5⁴-phenothiazin-10-yl)-propyl]-phenyl}-propionic acid,
2-Propoxy-3-{4-[3-(5-oxo-5H-5⁴-phenothiazin-10-yl)-propyl]-phenyl}-propionic acid,
5 2-Methoxy-3-{4-[3-(5-oxo-5H-5⁴-phenothiazin-10-yl)-propyl]-phenyl}-propionic acid,
2-Benzyl-3-{4-[3-(5-oxo-5H-5⁴-phenothiazin-10-yl)-propyl]-phenyl}-propionic acid,
2-Ethoxy-3-{4-[1-(5-oxo-5H-5⁴-phenothiazin-10-yl)-methoxy]-phenyl}-propionic acid,
3-(4-(2-(2-Chloro-5-oxo-phenothiazin-10-yl)-ethoxy)-phenyl)-2-ethoxy-propionic acid,
3-(4-(2-(2-Chloro-5-oxo-phenothiazin-10-yl)-ethoxy)-phenyl)-2-propoxy-propionic acid,
10 3-(4-(2-Chloro-5-oxo-phenothiazin-10-yl)-ethoxy)-phenyl)-2-methoxy-propionic acid,
3-(4-(2-Chloro-5-oxo-phenothiazin-10-yl)-ethoxy)-phenyl)-2-benzyl-oxo-propionic acid,
3-(4-(1-(2-Chloro-5-oxo-phenothiazin-10-yl)-methoxy)-phenyl)-2-ethoxy-propionic acid,
3-(4-(3-(2-Chloro-5-oxo-phenothiazin-10-yl)-propoxy)-phenyl)-2-ethoxy-propionic acid,
3-(4-(3-(2-Chloro-5-oxo-phenothiazin-10-yl)-propoxy)-phenyl)-2-propoxy-propionic acid,
15 3-(4-(3-(2-Chloro-5-oxo-phenothiazin-10-yl)-propoxy)-phenyl)-2-methoxy-propionic acid,
3-(4-(3-(2-Chloro-5-oxo-phenothiazin-10-yl)-propoxy)-phenyl)-2-benzyl-oxo-propionic acid,
3-(4-(3-(2-Chloro-5-oxo-phenothiazin-10-yl)-propyl)-phenyl)-2-ethoxy-propionic acid,
3-(4-(3-(2-Chloro-5-oxo-phenothiazin-10-yl)-propyl)-phenyl)-2-propoxy-propionic acid,
20 3-(4-(3-(2-Chloro-5-oxo-phenothiazin-10-yl)-propyl)-phenyl)-2-methoxy-propionic acid,
(S)-3-(4-(2-(Betacarbolin-9-yl)-ethoxy)-phenyl)-2-ethoxy-propionic acid,
(S)-3-(4-(2-(Betacarbolin-9-yl)-ethoxy)-phenyl)-2-methoxy-propionic acid,
(S)-3-(4-(2-(Betacarbolin-9-yl)-ethoxy)-phenyl)-2-propoxy-propionic acid,
(S)-3-(4-(2-(Betacarbolin-9-yl)-ethoxy)-phenyl)-2-benzyl-oxo-propionic acid,
25 (S)-3-(4-(1-(Betacarbolin-9-yl)-methoxy)-phenyl)-2-ethoxy-propionic acid,
(S)-3-(4-(3-(Betacarbolin-9-yl)-propoxy)-phenyl)-2-ethoxy-propionic acid,
(S)-3-(4-(3-(Betacarbolin-9-yl)-propoxy)-phenyl)-2-methoxy-propionic acid,
(S)-3-(4-(3-(Betacarbolin-9-yl)-propoxy)-phenyl)-2-propoxy-propionic acid,
(S)-3-(4-(3-(Betacarbolin-9-yl)-propoxy)-phenyl)-2-benzyl-oxo-propionic acid,
30 (S)-3-(4-(3-(Betacarbolin-9-yl)-propyl)-phenyl)-2-ethoxy-propionic acid,
(S)-3-(4-(3-(Betacarbolin-9-yl)-propyl)-phenyl)-2-methoxy-propionic acid,
(S)-3-(4-(3-(Betacarbolin-9-yl)-propyl)-phenyl)-2-propoxy-propionic acid,
(S)-3-(4-(3-(Betacarbolin-9-yl)-propyl)-phenyl)-2-benzyl-oxo-propionic acid,
3-(4-(2-(Betacarbolin-9-yl)-ethoxy)-phenyl)-2-ethoxy-propionic acid

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3-(4-(2-(Dibenzo[*b,f*]azepin-5-yl)-ethoxy)-phenyl)-2-ethoxy-propionic acid,
3-(4-(2-(Dibenzo[*b,f*]azepin-5-yl)-ethoxy)-phenyl)-2-methoxy-propionic acid,
3-(4-(2-(Dibenzo[*b,f*]azepin-5-yl)-ethoxy)-phenyl)-2-propoxy-propionic acid,
3-(4-(2-(Dibenzo[*b,f*]azepin-5-yl)-ethoxy)-phenyl)-2-benzylxy-propionic acid,
5 3-(4-(1-(Dibenzo[*b,f*]azepin-5-yl)-methoxy)-phenyl)-2-ethoxy-propionic acid,
3-(4-(3-(Dibenzo[*b,f*]azepin-5-yl)-propoxy)-phenyl)-2-ethoxy-propionic acid,
3-(4-(3-(Dibenzo[*b,f*]azepin-5-yl)-propoxy)-phenyl)-2-propoxy-propionic acid,
3-(4-(3-(Dibenzo[*b,f*]azepin-5-yl)-propoxy)-phenyl)-2-benzylxy-propionic acid,
3-(4-(3-(Dibenzo[*b,f*]azepin-5-yl)-propyl)-phenyl)-2-ethoxy-propionic acid,
10 3-(4-(3-(Dibenzo[*b,f*]azepin-5-yl)-propyl)-phenyl)-2-propoxy-propionic acid,
3-(4-(3-(Dibenzo[*b,f*]azepin-5-yl)-propyl)-phenyl)-2-benzylxy-propionic acid,
3-(4-Dibenzo[*d,g*]dioxazocin-12-yl)-1-propoxy-phenyl-2-ethoxy-propionic acid,
3-(4-Dibenzo[*d,g*]dioxazocin-12-yl)-1-propoxy-phenyl-2-methoxy-propionic acid,
3-(4-Dibenzo[*d,g*]dioxazocin-12-yl)-1-propoxy-phenyl-2-propoxy-propionic acid,
15 3-(4-Dibenzo[*d,g*]dioxazocin-12-yl)-1-propoxy-phenyl-2-benzylxy-propionic acid,
3-(4-Dibenzo[*d,g*]dioxazocin-12-yl)-1-propyl-phenyl-2-ethoxy-propionic acid,
3-(4-Dibenzo[*d,g*]dioxazocin-12-yl)-1-propyl-phenyl-2-methoxy-propionic acid,
3-(4-Dibenzo[*d,g*]dioxazocin-12-yl)-1-propyl-phenyl-2-propoxy-propionic acid,
3-(4-Dibenzo[*d,g*]dioxazocin-12-yl)-1-propyl-phenyl-2-benzylxy-propionic acid,
20 2-(4-Dibenzo[*d,g*]dioxazocin-12-yl)-1-ethoxy-phenyl-2-ethoxy-propionic acid,
2-(4-Dibenzo[*d,g*]dioxazocin-12-yl)-1-ethoxy-phenyl-2-propoxy-propionic acid,
1-(4-Dibenzo[*d,g*]dioxazocin-12-yl)-1-methoxy-phenyl-2-ethoxy-propionic acid,
2-(4-Dibenzo[*d,g*]dioxazocin-12-yl)-1-ethoxy-phenyl-2-benzylxy-propionic acid,
(S) 3-(4-(2-(3-Phenyl-carbazol-9-yl)-ethoxy)-phenyl)-2-ethoxy-propionic acid,
25 (S) 3-(4-(2-(3-Phenyl-carbazol-9-yl)-ethoxy)-phenyl)-2-methoxy-propionic acid,
(S) 3-(4-(2-(3-Phenyl-carbazol-9-yl)-ethoxy)-phenyl)-2-propoxy-propionic acid,
(S) 3-(4-(2-(3-Phenyl-carbazol-9-yl)-ethoxy)-phenyl)-2-benzylxy-propionic acid,
(S) 3-(4-(1-(3-Phenyl-carbazol-9-yl)-methoxy)-phenyl)-2-ethoxy-propionic acid,
(S) 3-(4-(3-(3-Phenyl-carbazol-9-yl)-propyl)-phenyl)-2-ethoxy-propionic acid,
30 (S) 3-(4-(3-(3-Phenyl-carbazol-9-yl)-propoxy)-phenyl)-2-ethoxy-propionic acid,
(S) 3-(4-(2-(3-Benzyl-carbazol-9-yl)-ethoxy)-phenyl)-2-ethoxy-propionic acid,
(S) 3-(4-(2-(3-(2-Pyridyl)-carbazol-9-yl)-ethoxy)-phenyl)-2-ethoxy-propionic acid,
(S) 3-(4-(2-(3-(3-Furanyl)-carbazol-9-yl)-ethoxy)-phenyl)-2-ethoxy-propionic acid,
(S) 3-(4-(2-(3-(2-thionyl)-carbazol-9-yl)-ethoxy)-phenyl)-2-ethoxy-propionic acid,

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(S) 3-(4-(2-(3-Bromo-carbazol-9-yl)-ethoxy)-phenyl)-2-ethoxy-propionic acid,
 (S) 3-(4-(2-(3-Bromo-carbazol-9-yl)-ethoxy)-phenyl)-2-methoxy-propionic acid,
 (S) 3-(4-(2-(3-Bromo-carbazol-9-yl)-ethoxy)-phenyl)-2-benzyloxy-propionic acid,
 (S) 3-(4-(1-(3-Bromo-carbazol-9-yl)-methoxy)-phenyl)-2-ethoxy-propionic acid,
 5 (S) 3-(4-(3-(3-Bromo-carbazol-9-yl)-propyl)-phenyl)-2-ethoxy-propionic acid
 (S) 3-(4-(2-(3,6 Dibromo-carbazol-9-yl)-ethoxy)-phenyl)-2-ethoxy-propionic acid,
 (S) 3-(4-(2-(3,6 Dibromo-carbazol-9-yl)-ethoxy)-phenyl)-2-methoxy-propionic acid,
 (S) 3-(4-(2-(3,6 Dibromo-carbazol-9-yl)-ethoxy)-phenyl)-2-propoxy-propionic acid,
 (S) 3-(4-(2-(3,6 Dibromo-carbazol-9-yl)-ethoxy)-phenyl)-2-benzyloxy-propionic acid,
 10 10 (S) 3-(4-(2-(3,6 Dichloro-carbazol-9-yl)-ethoxy)-phenyl)-2-ethoxy-propionic acid,
 (S) 3-(4-(2-(3,6 Dichloro-carbazol-9-yl)-ethoxy)-phenyl)-2-methoxy-propionic acid,
 (S) 3-(4-(2-(3,6 Dichloro-carbazol-9-yl)-ethoxy)-phenyl)-2-propoxy-propionic acid,
 (S) 3-(4-(2-(3,6 Dichloro-carbazol-9-yl)-ethoxy)-phenyl)-2-benzyloxy-propionic acid,
 15 15 (S) 3-(4-(1-(3,6 Dibromo-carbazol-9-yl)-methoxy)-phenyl)-2-ethoxy-propionic acid,
 (S) 3-(4-(3-(3,6 Dibromo-carbazol-9-yl)-propoxy)-phenyl)-2-ethoxy-propionic acid,
 (S) 3-(4-(3-(3,6 Dibromo-carbazol-9-yl)-propyl)-phenyl)-2-ethoxy-propionic acid,
 (S) 3-(4-(2-Carbazol-9-yl-ethoxy)-phenyl)-2-ethoxy-propionic acid,
 20 20 (S) 3-(4-(2-Carbazol-9-yl-ethoxy)-phenyl)-2-methoxy-propionic acid,
 (S) 3-(4-(2-Carbazol-9-yl-ethoxy)-phenyl)-2-propoxy-propionic acid,
 (S) 3-(4-(2-Carbazol-9-yl-ethoxy)-phenyl)-2-benzyloxy-propionic acid,
 (S) 3-(4-(1-Carbazol-9-yl-methoxy)-phenyl)-2-ethoxy-propionic acid,
 (S) 3-(4-(3-Carbazol-9-yl-propoxy)-phenyl)-2-ethoxy-propionic acid,
 (S) 3-(4-(3-Carbazol-9-yl-propyl)-phenyl)-2-ethoxy-propionic acid;
 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

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46. The compound according to claim 1 which is

3-{4-[2-(10,11-Dihydro-dibenzo[b,f]azepin-5-yl)-ethoxy]-phenyl}-2-ethoxy-propionic acid,
 2-Ethoxy-3-{4-[2-(5,11-dihydro-5H-dibenzo[b,e][1,4]oxazepin-5-yl)-ethoxy]-phenyl}-propionic acid,
 30 3-{4-[2-(6,7-Dihydro-5H-dibenzo[b,g]azocin-12-yl)-ethoxy]-phenyl}-2-ethoxy-propionic acid,
 2-Ethoxy-3-{4-[2-(10-oxo-10,11-dihydro-dibenzo[b,f]azepin-5-yl)-ethoxy]-phenyl}-propionic acid,
 2-Ethoxy-3-{4-[2-(10-methoxy-dibenzo[b,f]azepin-5-yl)-ethoxy]-phenyl}-propionic acid

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2-Ethoxy-3-{4-[2-(11-methyl-10,10-dioxo-10,11-dihydro-10⁶-thia-5,11-diaza-dibenzo[*a,d*]cyclohepten-5-yl)-ethoxy]-phenyl}-propionic acid,
2-Ethoxy-3-{4-[2-(9-oxo-9*H*-acridin-10-yl)-ethoxy]-phenyl}-propionic acid,
2-Ethoxy-3-{4-[2-(5-oxo-5*H*-5*A*-phenothiazin-10-yl)-ethoxy]-phenyl}-propionic acid; or a
5 pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

47. A pharmaceutical composition comprising, as an active ingredient, a compound according to anyone of the preceding compound claims or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof together with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier or diluent.

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48. A composition according to claim 47 in unit dosage form, comprising from about 0.05 to about 100 mg, preferably from about 0.1 to about 50 mg of the compound according to anyone of the preceding compound claims or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

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49. A pharmaceutical composition useful in the treatment and/or prevention of conditions mediated by nuclear receptors, in particular the Peroxisome Proliferator-Activated Receptors (PPAR), the composition comprising, as an active ingredient, a compound according to anyone of the preceding compound claims or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof together with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier or diluent.

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50. A pharmaceutical composition useful in the treatment and/or prevention of diabetes and/or obesity, the composition comprising, as an active ingredient, a compound according to anyone of the preceding compound claims or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof together with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier or diluent.

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51. A pharmaceutical composition for diabetes and/or obesity, the composition comprising, as an active ingredient, a compound according to anyone of the preceding compound claims or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof together with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier or diluent.

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52. A pharmaceutical composition according to anyone of the claims 47-51 for oral, nasal, transdermal, pulmonal, or parenteral administration.

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53. A method for the treatment of ailments, the method comprising administering to a subject in need thereof an effective amount of a compound according to anyone of the preceding compound claims or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, or of a composition according to anyone of the preceding composition claims.

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54. A method for the treatment and/or prevention of conditions mediated by nuclear receptors, in particular the Peroxisome Proliferator-Activated Receptors (PPAR), the method comprising administering to a subject in need thereof an effective amount of a compound according to anyone of the preceding compound claims or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, or of a composition according to anyone of the preceding claims 47-52.

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55. A method for the treatment and/or prevention of diabetes and/or obesity, the method comprising administering to a subject in need thereof an effective amount of a compound according to anyone of the preceding compound claims or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, or of a composition according to anyone of the preceding claims 47-52.

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56. The method according to claims 53-55, wherein the effective amount of the compound according to anyone of the preceding compound claims or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or ester thereof is in the range of from about 0.05 to about 100 mg per day, preferably from about 0.1 to about 50 mg per day.

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57. Use of a compound according to anyone of the preceding compound claims or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof for the preparation of a medicament.

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58. Use of a compound according to anyone of the preceding compound claims or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof for the preparation of a medicament useful in the treatment and/or prevention of conditions mediated by nuclear receptors, in particular the Peroxisome Proliferator-Activated Receptors (PPAR).

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59. Use of a compound according to anyone of the preceding compound claims or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof for the preparation of a medicament for treatment and/or prevention of diabetes and/or obesity.

60. Use of a compound according to anyone of the preceding compound claims or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof for the preparation of a medicament for treatment and/or prevention of diabetes and obesity.